

106 Rescue Wing Alumni Association

CHARTER

ARTICLE I

This organization shall be known as the 106 RESCUE WING NEW YORK AIR NATIONAL GUARD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES: The purposes for which this Association has been formed are:

- a. To promote a bond of camaraderie and fellowship among its members
- b. To provide cultural, social and recreational activities for its members
- c. To preserve the memories and incidents of the 106 Rescue Wing, NYANG and all its prior and any successor units
- d. To sponsor and/or participate in activities of a patriotic or community nature
- e. To provide a means for the members to support, assist, coordinate and participate in the activities of the 106 Rescue Wing, NYANG (and any successor units) where called upon
- f. To promote peace and goodwill on earth

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES:

SECTION 1 Membership shall be classified as follows:

- a. Regular Members Upon the payment of the prescribed annual dues, all former military members and all former civilian employees of the 106 Rescue Wing and its preceding, successor and associate units
- b. Associate Members (non-voting)
 - 1) The Commander of the 106 Rescue Wing ex officio
 - 2) Such other persons, who are interested in and dedicated to the purposes of the association, as shall be determined by a majority of the Board of Directors
 - 3) Current members of the 106 Rescue Wing

SECTION 2 Dues

Ten dollars (\$10.00) per calendar year

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS:

SECTION 1 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of members for the election of Directors and such other business as may properly come before the meeting shall be held on the <u>second Tuesday in May of each year</u>. The secretary thereof shall mail notice, at least 14 days prior to the date of such meeting, to each member at his/her last known address. Such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting.

A majority of the voting members present or by proxy, but no less than 20 regular members, shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 Election

A 10-member Board of Directors shall manage the assets and business of the association. The Board shall consist of nine regular Directors, which shall be elected as follows:

- a. At the first annual meeting of the association, three Directors shall be elected for a three-year period; three Directors elected for a two-year period and three Directors for a one-year period. At each annual meeting of members thereafter, three Directors shall be elected for a three year period, except as provided in Section 2 of this Article.
- b. The tenth Director shall be the Commander of the 106 Rescue Wing, who shall serve as a non-voting Director ex officio, for a period concurrent with his/her tenure as Commander.

SECTION 2 Vacancies and Election

Vacancies on the Board may be filled by vote of the majority of the other Directors then in office. The Director so elected shall hold office until the next annual meeting, at such meeting members shall elect a Director for the remaining portion of the term of the Director whose absence created the vacancy.

SECTION 3 Board Meetings

The Chairperson of the Board of Directors shall call such meetings as often as he/she may deem necessary, or by request of three or more Directors. Said meetings shall take place on at least seven days notice by mail to all Directors and such notice shall specify the time and place of such meetings.

SECTION 4 Quorum

At all meetings of the Board of Directors a majority of the Directors shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The decisions of a majority of the Directors present, at any such meeting at which there is a quorum shall be decisions of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

SECTION 1 Elections

At the first meeting of the Board of Directors held after each annual meeting of the members, the Directors shall elect, from the members of the Board, an association Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary who shall each hold office for one year.

SECTION 2 Vacancies

Vacancies in any such office shall be filled by majority vote of the Board of Directors. So elected shall hold office for the unexpired term of the officer whos absence created the vacancy.

SECTION 3 Chairperson

The Chairperson of the association shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of members and Directors. The Chairperson shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect and exercise general supervision over the affairs of the association.

SECTION 4 Vice Chairperson

The Vice Chairperson of the association shall, in the absence or disability of the Chairperson, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Chairperson and shall perform such other duties as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5 Treasurer

The Treasurer of the association shall have the care and custody of all funds of the association and shall keep them in such bank as the Directors select. The Treasurer shall disburse the funding of the association as ordered by the Board of Directors, taking proper

vouchers for such disbursement. The Treasurer shall render at the meetings of the Board of Directors and at the annual meeting of the members, an account and report of all transactions and a treasurer's report of the financial condition of the association.

Funds may only be disbursed consistent with the "purposes" of the association as set forth in Article II.

All disbursements in excess of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) shall be by check signed by the Treasurer and by either the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson.

SECTION 6 Secretary

The Secretary of the association shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and all meetings of the members and act as Clerk thereof and record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings in a book to be kept for that purpose, and shall perform like duties for all committees when required. The Secretary shall give cause and notice of all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

SECTION 1 Standing and Special Committees

The Board of Directors may designate such standing and special committees that they may deem necessary or desirable. Said committees shall have only the powers specifically delegated to them by the Board of Directors. The Chairperson shall be an ex officio member of each committee.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1 Alterations or Amendments

The members may at anytime alter or amend this charter at any annual or special meeting of members at which at least 10% of the members of the association are present, provided that any proposed alteration or amendments shall have been mailed with the notice of the meeting to each member at his/her last known address at least 14 days prior to the date of such meeting. At any such meeting members present in person or by proxy shall be counted in determining whether 10% of the members of the association are present.